

**Virginia Department of Health  
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report  
August 4, 2008**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has not posted any new human cases of avian influenza A/H5N1 since June 19. The count stands at 385 cases and 243 deaths (for a case-fatality ratio of 63.1%).

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- Central office, Northern Region and Prince William Planners met with Marine Corps Base, Quantico Operations Director and staff to address joint PanFlu Response initiatives and other cooperation opportunities.
- Director Operations, Planning and Logistics provided best practice input to National Governors' Association Planners in response to their request for information.
- Hosted DHHS Office of Inspector General PanFlu Preparations fact-finding visits to VDH Central Office in Richmond and at Virginia Beach and New River Health Districts. Coordinated visits with Hospital Community.
- Director Operations, Planning and Logistics agreed to participate in FDA Committee reviewing antiviral distribution.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Central Region**
  - Trainer developed the Volunteer Management System (VMS) training curriculum for VDH staff and conducted three training sessions. A total of 19 participants have been trained to date. Another session is scheduled for August 13 with subsequent sessions to be scheduled after that. The VMS is an automated volunteer registration system that is capable of registering volunteers, tracking volunteer credentialing and training levels and providing volunteer alerting capability. Using VMS in a PanFlu emergency will be essential in providing the manpower necessary to support VDH emergency operations and other essential functions.
  - A Health Alert Network (HAN) User Group has been developed for the Central Region Receipt, Store and Stage Warehouse, the primary location in Central Virginia for receiving and distributing the contents of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile "Push Pack" or Vendor Managed Inventory in an emergency. The HAN uses a secure, automated system to simultaneously contact an individual's work phone, cell phone, home phone, work email and home email to alert in an emergency. This system provides a quick, efficient and verifiable method to contact VDH and other staff essential to the operation of the RSS in a PanFlu or other emergency.
  - Public Information Officer (PIO) and Planner continued work with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Central Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Region Health Directors and District Planners in developing an electronic template for a newspaper supplement in the event of a Cities Readiness Initiative or other major emergency, such as PanFlu. This supplement is in an electronic format that could be forwarded immediately to the newspaper and printed on short notice in the event of an emergency. Development of the newspaper supplement and collaboration are on-

- going to include translation of the document into Spanish, Tagalog, Farsi and Russian languages. A similar electronic document format will be developed to communicate with the public in a PanFlu emergency in the Region as a follow-on project.
- Planner and Trainer continued to provide planning support for an upcoming joint Henrico County and Henrico County Health Department PanFlu Tabletop Exercise scheduled tentatively for the week of October 20.
  - **Northern Region**
    - Medical Consultant and Planner provided PanFlu subject matter expertise to Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc., the consulting firm contracted to plan and facilitate the EPC Senior Leaders Seminar on PanFlu in Fall 2008.
    - Medical Consultant participated on the NCR Infrastructure Interdependencies Seminar Planning Team as a public health subject matter expert. The planning team organized the structure and content of the seminar, which will use a PanFlu scenario to enhance National Capital Region (NCR) critical infrastructure resiliency and mitigate interdependencies. The purpose of the Seminar is to: provide background on expected public health effects of a global pandemic that affect the NCR; raise awareness of potential impacts from a pandemic event on interconnected NCR infrastructures/essential service providers and the communities they support; highlight critical interdependencies among pandemic-affected infrastructures and identify issues for further examination and analysis; and, increase regional stakeholder situational awareness by providing an initial understanding of private sector, local, state and federal pandemic preparedness plans, policies, regulations, expected actions and available resources; examining roles and missions of local, state, and federal agencies in pandemic preparedness and management; and, how cross-jurisdiction and cross-sector coordination and cooperation will be accomplished; and exploring information sharing and communications needs and challenges associated with pandemic response and recovery. Participants will also discuss how information and lessons learned from the seminar may be used to develop activities and projects, including a potential regional critical infrastructure interdependencies tabletop, to explore in greater depth regional linkages, consequences, and preparedness gaps and ways to cooperatively develop solutions to improve NCR pandemic resilience.
    - Trainer is reviewing PanFlu courses currently available through TRAIN. Based on this analysis, the most applicable, practical instruction will be included in the Training Plan for health districts to submit in their applications for recognition through the National Association of County & City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Project Public Health READY.
  - **Eastern Region**
    - Epidemiologist, Districts' Epidemiological team representatives and Regional team are working on the early planning stage of a training/tabletop exercise on the implementation of Isolation and Quarantine (I&Q) in the Region, tentatively scheduled for December. The goal is to improve the Region's preparedness by examining the implementation logistics of I&Q at the local and regional level, how this might fit under Incident Command System and the coordination involved in such a large response. Tentatively, the suggested scenario will be dealing with the possible introduction of a novel strain of influenza, pre-pandemic, where I&Q will be used to control further spread while exposures are evaluated and viral confirmation is pending.

- **Southwest Region**

- Planner participated in the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) review of PanFlu activities targeting the New River Health District and the Blacksburg area in particular. The discussion, questions and explanations lasted for a period of four hours involving the Planner, Hospital Coordinator, Chairman of the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance (NSPA), New River Director, Planner and Epidemiologist and representatives of New River Valley Medical Center and Montgomery Regional Hospital.
- Planner presented part of a workshop training designed to familiarize the group with the deployment of PanFlu items including antivirals, cached medical supplies and equipment, and the forms necessary to complete the deployment. PIO attended the NSPA meeting in Roanoke, participating in the discussion about public information distribution and jurisdictional information distribution that would apply in the event of an avian influenza outbreak.
- PIO participated in the Mountain Empire Epidemiology Task Force in the Cumberland Plateau Health District. The focus of this meeting was on flu prevention, public information, press conferences and related campaigns that are scheduled to be conducted in October '08.
- PIO and Planner participated in the New River Health District's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) discussing ongoing issues of planning and coordination among the jurisdictions represented.
- PIO assisted with the Lenowisco RAM project. The ICS model used there would be potentially applied in the event of a PanFlu outbreak.

#### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

- **Alexandria**

- New Director has met with key city leadership people about PanFlu and other health matters.
- Isolation and Quarantine working group continues to work under leadership of Chief Judge of Circuit Court.
- With assistance of a contractor have identified best practices for working with medically vulnerable, have developed demographic profile of this group in the city and have developed core criteria for a special needs section of pandemic plan.
- Initiated printing of brochures and informative material specially designed for medically vulnerable in an emergency.
- In process of developing audio tape for use by the visually impaired, describing action to take in preparation for emergencies.
- Local law enforcement has submitted a plan to assess any special security needs that may arise during a pandemic or may impact ability of local health department to deliver services.

- **Arlington**

- Virginia Hospital Center has decided to collaborate with the District on the mask-fitting project. Have purchased the PortaCount mask fitting system and arranged a preliminary phone conference with technical staff that will assist with developing policies and procedures. Met with the Virginia Hospital Center staff involved with the project and have begun to identify questions and considerations about marketing to community physicians.

- Production of PanFlu/Emergency Preparedness binders for medical offices is underway; binders will be distributed in September. One of the components is a CD-ROM containing a compilation of educational materials in languages other than English.
- Continuing to identify faith-based community's congregations interested in PanFlu planning. Planner has been invited to address one congregation in the near future. A CD-ROM containing a compilation of materials that could be used by congregations if they are identified in the future has been prepared.
- A contractor has been hired to arrange PanFlu preparedness and response materials on the CD-ROM, which will be reproduced and included in the materials for medical offices and also made available to other community organizations.
- District's booth at the County Fair the week of August 6 will provide a variety of materials focusing on PanFlu. Volunteers from the MRC and public health staff will be available for interactions and questions from the public.
- Contracted with Metro and an advertising company to prepare and display public health flu messages at Metro stations in Arlington from November '08 – February '09.
- Contracted with the same advertising agency to prepare large foam-mounted reusable posters to be used in Arlington schools and at other county locations with high visibility. There will be posters in English and Spanish.
- Plan to purchase outdoor large banners with flu prevention messages in both English and Spanish. These banners will be available for use annually and in an emergency.
- Purchased additional educational materials including at-home care, preparation and response for frail elderly, hand washing mirror stickers and pamphlets targeting youth.
- **Central Shenandoah**
  - Planner assisting District hospitals and North West Regional Hospital Group plan for Statewide PanFlu Exercise in November and attended the Northwest Regional Hospital meeting.
  - Planner had HAM Radio and Satellite Phone antennas installed on District's main office roof.
  - Planner updated the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Task Force on PanFlu planning efforts and the November Statewide PanFlu Exercise.
  - Epidemiologist presented preparedness information to Dominion Power staff.
  - Planner continues to work with District partners on the PUSH Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements. Two additional agreements were executed, and two are pending.
  - Planner participated in the North Anna Power Station Ingestion Pathway Exercise with Rockingham County.
  - Planner attended regional Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) meeting in Staunton and continues to assist with organization of the group.
  - Planner continues to purchase CDC-approved Phase 3 and carry-over items.
- **Central Virginia**
  - District continues to coordinate its efforts on pandemic response and preparedness with the community partners.
  - Immunization Nurse performed 30 face-to-face briefings, during travel immunization clinics, on pandemic awareness/preparedness.

- Planner attended the jurisdictional Emergency Managers meeting where the Improvement Action Plan (IAP) from the fall PanFlu tabletop continues to be addressed.
- Epidemiologist and Planner attended the Bedford Area Emergency Planning Committee meeting. They updated the attendees regarding HPAI and LPAI activity in humans and animals worldwide and the status and implications of vaccine development efforts now and in response to the emergence of a PanFlu strain, reinforcing the importance of integrating response and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) concepts for PanFlu into a comprehensive emergency preparedness/mitigation program in the public and private sectors and non-profit organizations.
- **Chesapeake**
  - Planner and Chesapeake City officials participated with the Virginia Department of Corrections and Indian Creek [correctional] Facility in an Initial Planning Conference for conducting a PanFlu exercise series at the correctional center. The exercise series will consist of a Tabletop exercise in September and a full-scale exercise later in the fall.
  - PanFlu Assistant participated in the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center's 2008 Disaster Fair, the goal of which was to provide emergency preparedness information to the hospital's employees and their families. PanFlu Assistant staffed a PanFlu booth and distributed educational brochures on PanFlu, seasonal influenza, healthy hand washing, travel size hand sanitizers and personal tissue packs to over 200 visitors.
  - PanFlu Assistant implemented the District's 2008 Respirator Fit Testing Program. A total of 54 District employees were fit tested with N95 or N100 particulate respirators for emergency preparedness purposes.
  - Planner and PanFlu Assistant are in the process of adapting the 284-page manual "It's a Disaster!" for the City of Chesapeake; it will be modified to include general information about PanFlu and what individuals can do to be better prepared.
  - PanFlu Assistant has researched new promotional tools and educational products for the PanFlu program. These additions will help to implement new PanFlu outreach activities to increase the public's awareness.
- **Chesterfield**
  - No activities to report.
- **Chickahominy**
  - Consulted with all District School Superintendents about their pandemic plans.
  - Goochland County held National Safety week outreach, distributing pandemic materials. Continuing consultation with Goochland Schools' Assistant Superintendent who is continuing to refine pandemic plan. Pandemic preparedness literature sent to Goochland Community Service Board leadership team to be reviewed in leadership team meeting.
  - Pandemic preparedness information sent to Resources for Independent Living Program for their Summer Youth Program; presentation given to attendees on hand washing and infection control in conjunction with Henrico County's PanFlu Coordinator covering both Hanover and Henrico Counties; PanFlu information sent to Cardiac Rehabilitation at Memorial Regional Medical Center staff.
- **Crater**
  - PanFlu Health Educator and Epidemiologist met with several schools' superintendents to discuss school influenza surveillance for the coming school year,

where they were encouraged to take advantage of our services concerning student and staff presentations on pandemic and seasonal flus.

- Fourth edition of “The Flu Flash” newsletter was blast faxed to all primary care physicians, nursing homes and hospital infection control practitioners in the District, informing them of influenza updates and PanFlu tidbits. A featured article explained the differences between Farmer’s Lung and a summer cold and how Farmer’s Lung can be mistaken for a summer cold or flu because of similar symptoms. One major difference, Farmer’s Lung is incurable once contracted.
- MRC information and registration forms were disseminated to District libraries, healthcare professionals, non-medical persons and businesses in an effort to promote the new Crater Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). PSAs also aired on a local radio station in that effort as well. The new Crater MRC had its grand opening. Over 40 people joined us and, to date, 14 have completed their registration forms to become volunteers. MRC Coordinator conducted the orientation, and Planner conducted training on emergency preparedness. Other District and Petersburg Fire Department representatives also spoke to the group.
- PanFlu Health Educator and Planner presented information concerning MRC and emergency preparedness to District seniors during their monthly meetings in Dinwiddie, Emporia and Jarratt.
- MRC Coordinator and Planner participated in the VMS (Volunteer Management Systems) Training in Richmond.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
  - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator attended the Russell County Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee Monthly Meeting where PanFlu Planning was discussed.
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu Preparedness Program to People Incorporated’s Front Line Workers.
  - Epidemiologist, Planner, PanFlu Coordinator and several of the Environmental Health Workers assisted the four District school systems in developing a Fall In-service presentation that incorporates pandemic preparedness.
  - Director, Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisors/Manager, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator participated in a joint teleconference planning meeting to plan for the 2008 “Flu Clues” Program for area schools.
  - Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator are conducting individualized HAN trainings in the District’s four county offices.
  - Director participated in the CareSpark Consortium Meeting, that includes 17 counties in the Tri-Cities Tennessee and Virginia area with approximately 705,000 residents, 18 hospitals, and 1,200 physicians, where seasonal flu and pandemic preparedness planning were discussed.
- **Eastern Shore**
  - Health Educator conducted a workshop for 50 nursing staff and administrators at a local assisted living facility. Topics included respiratory and hand wash etiquette, PanFlu vs. seasonal flu and MRSA. A PowerPoint presentation, video and brochures were used as supplements.
  - Health Educator participated in a health fair at a local poultry plant, where information on emergency preparedness, pandemic flu, respiratory and hand wash etiquette, and MRC/CERT marketing brochures was given to over 400 employees.
  - Health Educator co-facilitated a School Closure Tabletop Exercise at the community room of Shore Bank Financial Corporation. There were 35 participants (consisting of superintendents, school board members, and school leadership (nurses, secretaries,

facilities management) from both Accomack and Northampton County Public Schools, Head Start and Independent Living, as well as four facilitators and two observers. California and Missouri tabletop models were used.

- **Fairfax**

- PanFlu team presented PanFlu education and preparedness information to the following: Vietnamese Health Fair in Annandale Community; Mixed Asian Community in Springfield area; Region 2 Across Agency Partners monthly meeting; Greater Mount Vernon Community Head Start, Alexandria; Huntington Community Family Night, Alexandria; Health and Job Fair for limited English Speaking residents, Annandale; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program serving various ethnic population in Reston, Falls Church and Kelly Square; and, Health Fair Lirio de los Valles Church, Burke.
- PanFlu team members and the Multicultural Advisory Council met to discuss strategic planning and how to maintain collaboration between District and its community providers.
- District provided N-95 Fit Testing Training to community-based physicians in Fairfax County.

- **Hampton**

- Meeting with Langley Air Force Base, 1st Medical Group, to develop plan for PanFlu, request and distribution of SNS supply for military forces, their family members and assisting off-base with Hampton residents. First Medical Group has agreed to operate a POD/QDC (operational constraints permitting) off-base and for all residents.
- Fast Forward program, which helps disadvantaged mothers obtain jobs and get back on their feet, discussed PanFlu and emergency preparedness.
- Hampton Public Safety team monthly meeting preparation for PanFlu.
- Meeting with Hampton University Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing to discuss PanFlu response and to continue planning to use Hampton University as a primary vaccination and medication distribution site. Training was also given to the same group in QDC/POD/NIMS operations and theory, in preparation for a CRI dispensing Exercise on or about September 19. Faculty and staff will start operations with students replacing the staff and conducting operations.
- Met with General Manager and senior staff of Holiday Inn Hampton to discuss PanFlu operations. Conducted a “push” dispensing exercise where medication and information was delivered to 320 rooms and hotel staff. District designed and directed the exercise and recruited MRC and Langley Air Force volunteers to carry it out. This tested whether we could treat hotel guests. The goal is to have hotel staff take ownership of dispensing if there is an actual event.
- Developing emergency plans including PanFlu for a local business “Precisions Medical Solutions.”
- District staff participated National Incident Management System (NIMS) refresher training.

- **Henrico**

- Planner continued to plan a PanFlu tabletop exercise, using Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidelines with County Emergency Manager and HSEEP consultant.
- Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.

- District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
- MRC/PanFlu Coordinator continued MRC emergency preparedness training sessions for both eastern and western MRC units in Henrico County.
- MRC/PanFlu Coordinator provided PanFlu training for employees at three local nursing home facilities and a group of mentally-challenged youth; presented PanFlu information to local Church congregation; attended Henrico Police Youth Summer Camp Fair and provided PanFlu and infection control materials to the police officers, kids and their parents; and, attended Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's youth fair and provided PanFlu and infection control materials to the attendees in western Henrico.
- **Lenowisco**
  - PanFlu materials were distributed to over 1,000 patients attending the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Medical Expedition held at the Wise County Fairgrounds.
  - Planner provided "Stop The Spread" PanFlu educational materials and "Master the Disaster" tabletop exercise materials to Stone Mountain Health Services management staff.
  - PanFlu materials were distributed to approximately 200 senior citizens and AARP members at "Day in the Park" event in Big Stone Gap.
  - "Flu Clues" materials were distributed to three of the four public school systems and one private school in preparation for school registration.
  - As members of the Mountain Empire Epidemiological Taskforce (MEETF), Epidemiologist and Nurse Practitioner with other committee members to further develop upcoming public information campaign to increase awareness of the need for seasonal flu shots to the residents in Upper East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, Western North Carolina and southeastern Kentucky. This campaign is expected to be launched in September 2008.
  - Planner provided PanFlu materials to the citizens of the Fairview Community Center during personal preparedness presentation.
- **Lord Fairfax**
  - Provided a presentation on bioterrorism and Pandemic Planning to graduating nursing students from Lord Fairfax Community College. Also used this opportunity to recruit students for the District MRC and to further partnerships with the college.
  - Attended the NW Regional Hospital Emergency Management Committee to obtain additional feedback from the committee members on the revisions to the regional Emergency Coordination Plan, which encompasses the activation and operations of the Regional Hospital Coordinating center (RHCC) that would be used in a pandemic to provide support to hospitals in the region.
  - Met with Advertising and Operations management from the Northern Virginia Daily Newspaper to begin to formulate an agreement for mass commercial printing of emergency forms and other information as well as the use of the paper's website and breaking news alerts. This partnership will be used for all types of events for rapid mass communications.
  - Participated in the North Anna Ingestion Pathway Exercise in Page County. This exercise, though related to Radiation, provided the opportunity to activate some Emergency Support Functions within the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for a discussion-based exercise. This EOC activation was beneficial for all involved because it provided the opportunity for new personnel who will have roles in a

- pandemic to meet and discuss the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and information release processes and to test various methods of emergency communications, such as fax, reverse 911 and Amateur Radio.
- Conducted a two-day tabletop exercise for Page Memorial Hospital called Operation Long Run, the purpose of which was to test the ability of the hospital to meet the 96-hour self reliance standard set forth by the Joint Commission as a result of Hurricane Katrina. This exercise was designed in four modules, each module representing a 24-hour period and used an ice storm as the basis for the scenario. This exercise provided the participants the opportunity to be creative in their solutions to the problem presented in the scenario. Though using a natural hazard, the same ingenuity and self reliance strategies the staff developed as a result of the exercise, will have a major effect on their ability to prepare for and respond to a pandemic.
  - **Loudoun**
    - Met with Loudoun-based representative of U.S. Department of Homeland Security to discuss isolation and quarantine initiatives.
    - Met with Mt. Weather Emergency Operations Center Staff, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to initiate discussion regarding coordination of county and federal PanFlu plans.
    - Continued PanFlu information distribution to apartment complexes and pharmacies in Loudoun County.
    - Distributed PanFlu information at the Loudoun County Community Fair.
  - **Mount Rogers**
    - Planner participated in Carroll County Public Schools Crisis Management Training.
    - Planner presented information on NIMS, ICS, Plan Development, and PanFlu to Highlands Community Service Board. Additional workshop scheduled for September 24.
    - Planner coordinated with Grayson County on revising the local EOP, to include ESF-8 and PanFlu Annex. Additional planning meeting scheduled August 19.
    - Planner assisted Washington County Emergency Manager in presenting information to the LEPC on the annual Local Capability Assessment for Readiness (LCAR) report as it relates to public health and medical questions.
    - Coordinating with Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) on final planning phase of the Southwest Virginia Disaster Preparedness Summit, with COOP and School Crisis Planning Modules to include response to PanFlu outbreak.
  - **New River**
    - Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist, Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups, and faith organizations.
    - Director, Planner and Epidemiologist, Regional Planner and representatives from VHHA-Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance and local hospitals met with OIG staff to review PanFlu preparedness with emphasis on surge capacity, although many other areas for pandemic/all hazards preparedness were discussed in detail. A concentrated and coordinated effort with Central Office staff helped with the success of this presentation.
  - **Norfolk**
    - New equipment purchased and received in preparation for the Fall elementary school outreach programs.
    - Planner and MRC Coordinator provided PanFlu education to 16 new MRC associates. PanFlu refresher training was provided to 18 qualified MRC staff.

- Recognition was given to four MRC participants who completed MRC credentialing.
- **Peninsula**
  - No activities to report.
- **Piedmont**
  - Delivered infection control / hand washing, including Germ-Glo, presentation to children's day camp.
  - Began work on influenza-based dispensing exercise for District to be held in the fall.
  - Held discussions with local partners regarding participation in the statewide PanFlu exercise in November.
- **Pittsylvania-Danville**
  - PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu Brochures to the following companies to be distributed to their employees: Timken, Columbia Flooring, Sartoma and Columbia Forest.
  - PanFlu Educator presented a PanFlu program to the Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR) for their students, teachers and other employees. Distributed brochures and hand sanitizer to all attendees. Also provided IALR management a revised VDH PanFlu DVD for employees who were unable to attend the presentation.
- **Portsmouth**
  - No activities to report.
- **Prince William**
  - Director, Emergency Planner, Special Needs Outreach Worker (SNOW) and staff continue to prepare for November 6 "Operation Osbourn Park" PanFlu Point-of-Dispensing (PODs) exercise with Prince William County (PWC) Schools, PWC Office of Emergency Management, Public Works, Voluntary Action Center and District MRC. Prince William ARC also to participate. WebEOC training is scheduled for District staff. Materials being designed for student/parent notification and permission. Health and Special Education classes selected for exercise.
  - Special Needs Outreach Worker and Emergency Management Ministries mailed postcard invitations to local houses of worship September 9 (Nokesville Fire Station) and 11 (Cokesbury United Methodist Church) "Train the Trainer" PanFlu/Emergency Preparedness sessions.
  - SNOW provided "all hazards"/jeopardy training/PanFlu resources for local independent living (90 residents) and seniors apartment (100 residents). SNOW spoke to and provided PanFlu info at annual ADA fair.
  - SNOW, at the request of the Citizen Core Council (CCC) work group, researched the feasibility to incorporate Emergency Preparedness/PanFlu topics locally into K-12 Health Education units for students (to include special needs) using established Virginia Department of Education (DOE) Standards of Learning (SOL) criteria. SNOW reviewed VDH Division of Dental Health "Smiles for Good Health!" series (SOL linked Oral Health Education Curriculum for DOE Grades K- 5). SNOW has corresponded with VDH "Smiles" authors to inquire about the process that merged VDH and Commonwealth education goals. SNOW and CCC recommended by VDH authors to contact DOE "Smiles" contributors to discuss potential for EP series development.
  - SNOW spoke to PWC Schools PE/Health Ed Administrator to begin dialogue about Emergency Preparedness/PanFlu education for students. Administrator indicated fiscal year budget constraints. Administrator would like to be updated on potential developments.

- SNOW and Seniors work group received commitment by CVS Pharmacies to disseminate Emergency Preparedness/PanFlu info to seniors with filled prescriptions in September as part of National Preparedness Month. Work group continued to generate listing of all area pharmacies to provide this service to seniors on an expanded scale this fall.
- SNOW provided VDH PanFlu/ Emergency Preparedness resources to PWC public libraries. Information table and rack dissemination planned August, September and October.
- SNOW designed two “user friendly” links for District’s web site: “Pandemic Influenza” – a page of the District’s HOT TOPICS menu – and “Seasonal Flu” - a page of the general information menu. Work submitted to the Director for consideration and posting in Fall.
- **Rappahannock**
  - Epidemiologist presented on pandemic and seasonal flus to local community college.
  - Health Educator again disseminated educational materials on PanFlu and general hygiene prevention for cold and flu to two local daycare centers.
  - Emergency Services Coordinator organized three emergency preparedness exercises used to simulate Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation during an emergency or outbreak as part of the federally-evaluated Virginia Operations Exercise (VOPEX).
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
  - District staff gave out PanFlu and preparedness materials (English & Spanish) at the Fauquier County Fair and at two community presentations.
  - District Epidemiological Response Team was presented with an update on PanFlu and local preparedness steps.
  - District staff exercised the liaison structure we would use in a large scale event such as a pandemic.
  - The District’s PanFlu Coordinating Council met. Planner updated the group on recent preparedness activities.
- **Richmond City**
  - Plans are underway to conduct a functional exercise in conjunction with FLUEX08.
  - Richmond City Sheriff’s, Fire and Police Departments continue to provide on-going PanFlu training utilizing PanFlu voiceover CD created by the District.
  - District participated in PHICSTTX facilitated by VDH Central Region Training Coordinator, which challenged the District’s ability to utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) to respond to epidemiological incident(s).
  - Planner met with local nursing home to assist in PanFlu Plan and Disaster Preparedness
  - “Why Don’t We Do It in Our Sleeves?” DVD presented to District MRC and included infection control presentation.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - Planner and Epidemiologists met to organize September Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise.
  - Planner discussed PanFlu Update with Alleghany County Emergency Manager.
  - Planner attended Alleghany LEPC. Pan-Flu Update and Preparedness Summit info.
  - Discussed PanFlu Preparedness and All Hazards Media Campaign.
- **Southside**
  - Distributed PanFlu and Infection Control outreach material at Community Memorial Healthcenter.

- Met with churches in the Church Pilot “Shut-in” program to follow up on plan.
- PanFlu Educator met with the owner of United Steps group homes and presented PanFlu and Infection Control Information.
- Conducted PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for 33 preschool students in South Boston.
- Packaged and mailed or delivered 550 PanFlu and Infection Control handouts to nine churches in the district for distribution to their congregations with their weekly bulletin. Total 141 churches and 12,000 handouts distributed to churches to date.
- Trained District MRC volunteers to conduct PanFlu and Infection Control presentations with in the community.
- Conducted a PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for members and staff of Stepping Group Home.
- Conducted PanFlu and Infection Control presentation and demonstrated good hand washing techniques for the children at child care facility in Halifax.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
  - Distributed to each of the District’s localities’ Departments of Social Services a supply of face masks that can be given to low-income persons during a pandemic.
  - Completed draft of Community Triage Plan for Charlottesville-Albemarle and submitted it to the Emergency Manager and the emergency coordinators at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center and Martha Jefferson Hospital for review.
- **Three Rivers**
  - Public Health Nurse distributed PanFlu, handwashing and respiratory hygiene literature at Heritage Days in Deltaville.
  - Planner briefed the Gloucester County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) on drive-thru flu vaccination exercise to be conducted in the county on October 25.
  - Planner met with Gloucester County School Environmental Health and Safety Manager to discuss pandemic and seasonal flus, personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette training sessions for staff and students for the upcoming school year.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - No activities to report.
- **West Piedmont**
  - A series of three articles on PanFlu awareness was printed in the Franklin News-Post (Rocky Mount) and the Martinsville Bulletin.
  - Planner held the Patrick County PanFlu Committee meeting in the Patrick County Health Department office. Members either brought their plans by or had a one-on-one assistance session with writing their plans. All plans that were emailed or dropped off will be reviewed by the Director and Planner. Henry-Martinsville PanFlu Committee members were also asked to either e-mail or drop off their plans for review by the Director and Emergency Planner.
  - Planner e-mailed the monthly PanFlu Newsletter to District staff and the three PanFlu Committees in the District. The newsletter included the WHO current statistics on cases and deaths and links to several articles of importance.
  - Planner delivered PanFlu Healthcare Provider Handbooks to the Henry County Public Schools for the nursing staff.
- **Western Tidewater**

- District Emergency Preparedness and Response team coordinating influenza outreach materials for public and private school systems. Information sheets will include information on the Flu Shot as well as preventive techniques for the flu.
- Epidemiologist continues to work with Private School systems in developing their Pan Flu plans.
- Planner participated in table top exercise in Isle of Wight County, which in part addressed continuity of operations within emergency response capabilities, as can be applied to a Pandemic Response.
- Planner discussed November PanFlu Exercise with local hospitals and city/county jurisdictions.
- Suffolk Bio-terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) continues efforts on hazard planning and establishing PanFlu and other preparedness plans for city agencies.